

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022

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The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The **First Reading** is taken from Isaiah 62:1-5. Isaiah compares Yahweh to a young man who marries a virgin. His love transforms her. She used to be called "Forsaken". Now she has a new name, "My Delight".

The **Gospel** is from John 2:1-12. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you (John 2:1-5)."

There are many lessons we can learn from this incident in Christ's life: for example, Christ's approval of marriage—there were some heretical sects later who said marriage was sinful, unfit for a Christian. Or we could see in it the intercessory power of our blessed Mother. Christ anticipated his "hour" for working miracles in order to grant her request. But the theme of today's readings is the goodness and kindness of God and we surely have a convincing proof of that loving kindness in today's gospel story.

Today's Catechism – Let's learn something about our Catholic Faith

Lesson 10: Mortal & Venial Sin

What is sin? Sin is any thought, word, desire, action that destroys or damages your union with God.

When are you guilty of sin? To be guilty,

- a) you must realize that you are acting against your conscience and God's law.
- b) You must also choose freely to do it.

How many kinds of sin are there? They are two. Mortal sin and venial sin.

What is mortal sin? A serious violation of God's law. We sin with full knowledge and deliberately. Examples are: adultery, stealing something expensive, drunkenness, child abuse and others.

What does mortal sin do to you? It destroys your union with God.

Where do you go if you die in mortal sin? You will go to hell forever. (Revelation 21:8 – "Their portion shall be in the pool that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.")

Can all mortal sins be forgiven? Yes, if you are truly sorry for them and do everything necessary for forgiveness.

What is venial sin? A less serious violation of God's law. It is an offence not serious enough to break the relationship with God.

What does venial sin do to you? It helps to cool the fervor of your love for God and to dispose you to compromise in the struggle to avoid mortal sins.

Where will you go if you die in venial sin? Before going to heaven, one must go to purgatory.

Can a number of venial sins add up to mortal sins? Never. If you do something wrong, but don't know that it is wrong, are you guilty of sin?

No, if your ignorance or memory lapse, it is not your fault.

Are you guilty of sin if intend to do something wrong even though you don't actually do it? Yes, because the intention to offend God is itself a sin.

What should you do when in doubt whether or not something is sinful or whether or not it is seriously sinful? You must make a honest effort to resolve the doubt before you act; deliberately acting in such a doubt shows a blameworthy carelessness about offending God.

Temptations – It is attraction to commit sin.

What should you do when tempted? First ask God to help you and then distract yourself with some wholesome work, reading or exercise.

How can you avoid temptations? - avoid persons, places or things that can easily lead you into sin and ask God for help.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal: 21-22

Through our participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, we are invited to take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to us. Our parish of St. Joseph, Wisner has currently committed \$7,175 towards the goal of \$7,945.42. Our other Parish of Holy Cross, Beemer has currently committed \$8,605 towards the goal of \$10,986.53. Help us reach our parish goal. Thank you for your generosity.

Kenya Mission Trip Appreciation

The main purpose of our mission trip is to establish some form of partnership between my home parish of St. Charles Lwanga - Chekalini in Kenya and our two parishes here of Wisner and Beemer.

Around November of last year, we made an appeal to you for donations of material things and money to facilitate a mission trip to my village in Kenya. We received so many donations of school supplies, medical, individual things like clothes, baby stuff, and shoes among many other things together with monetary donations too. As of today, the total amount that we have received is \$3,450. We plan to use this money to buy Koromaiti Mission Hospital a Medical Microscope that they have asked us and also St. Charles Lwanga Church have requested us to help them with purchasing Public Address system. If any balance is left, we will donate it to St. Charles Lwanga Secondary school to support tuition scholarships of students who come from poor back grounds. I want to say thank you so much for your generous acts of kindness. Be blessed.

You might be wondering why we are carrying all these things to Kenya and not buy from there? Most of the things that are here are also available in Kenya. But since each person has an allowance of 2 free bags to check in, we thought of taking advantage of that and carry some gifts for the institutions that we will visit. Secondly, a gift from a foreign country has so much value to people in a remote village like mine.

We have 10 people on board and our trip is scheduled to leave Omaha on January 26th and be back on February 8th 2022. We plan to visit my home village of Mukhuyu, then attend Mass at St. Charles Lwanga parish (my village parish church), visit a Mission Hospital, visit St. Charles Lwanga secondary school (9th-12th grades), Mayoyo Primary school (Grades 1 to 8th), visit the Order of St. Augustine Seminary and finally take a rest by going to a Safari at Masai Mara National Reserve and visit Mombasa city and the coastal region of Kenya. We kindly ask for your prayers for the success of our coming Mission.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of January 22nd & 23rd

WORD:
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky, Ann Bausch
PRAISE:
SERVER: Sat.—Ben Oligmueller
 Sun.—Emily Oligmueller
USHER:


Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of January 23rd

LEC: Diane Davies
EMHC: Richard Schultz
EMHC 2: Anne Ausdemore
SERV: Ella Jacobs, Alicia Ramirez-Torres
OFF: Steve Ausdemore
USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—January 9, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$695.00
Plate:	274.00
Children:	14.00
Total:	\$983.00

DOUGHNUTS, COFFEE, JUICE and fellowship after Sunday Mass, January 16th. There will be a basket available for anyone wishing to still contribute to the Kenya Fund. Please come down and join us.

HOLY CROSS 2022 DONATION ENVELOPES will be delayed into January. The company we get them from is having paper and staff shortages as well as delivery problems. Please put your donations in a regular envelope with your name or number on it along with the amount enclosed. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it is beyond our control.



Celebrations:

Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays:
 Jean Batenhorst January 16
 Chris Black January 18

Anniversaries:
 Paul and Deb Schlickbernd January 21

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 Call 888.456.HOPE (4673) or Visit hopeafterabortion.com

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:
St. Joseph and Holy Cross.
 There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stjo68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.





MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	17	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	18	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	19	8:00 AM	HC	+ Duane Batenhorst
Thu	20	8:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
Fri	21	9:30 AM	CHB	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Sat	22	5:00 PM	HC	+ Francis Oligmueller
Sun	23	8:30 AM	HC	+ Pat Wiegert
Sun	23	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Jan. 16th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, Jan. 23rd—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—January 2022

Chair: Chris Liermann
Co-Chair: Ken Duncan
Members: Marvin Seier, Greg Schlautman, Tony Lampman, AJ Kluthe, Rich Bodwell, Russ Loberg, Gavin Lampman, Alex Kluthe

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—January 9, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$760.00
Plate:	111.00
Children:	34.00
Christmas Envelopes:	\$195.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE CORRECTION... The weekends of Jan. 23 and Jan. 29-30 were inadvertently omitted from the schedule that was sent out. Please look to the bulletin for the schedule or in the back of church for a revised version of those two weekends. The remainder of the schedule is correct. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS... will be meeting Monday, January 17th in the church basement. All men of the parish are invited to come.

LADIES OF THE PARISH— The next Ladies Guild meeting will be Tuesday, January 18th at 5:30 in church basement.

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6


Grades K-6: The 2nd grade celebrated their First Reconciliation with Fr. Vincent. The 5th grade did their second session of Mass server training with Fr. Vincent. The 4th grade talked about the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)

High School: Students met as a group to discuss the March of Life that is in Norfolk on January 21st at 1:00p.m. The students were given flyers and field trip permission forms to return this Wednesday for we know how many will be attending. Those in the Confirmation Class will receive a 1 community service event hour for attending.

Grades 7-9: Class began with opening prayer by praying for the seminarians this year. We discussed the 9 items that make us Catholic and how we are at the core of these items. We then broke the class into 3 teams and played Grace Ball to learn more about our catholic faith.

Grades 10-12: The students started watching the movie "Unplanned" which is based on a true story about Abby Johnson and her role as a director of a Planned Parenthood Clinic and then her transition to anti-abortion activism.



TRIVIA NIGHT

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
 Saturday, February 26th
 6-7pm Social Hour & Registration
 Followed by Trivia 7-10pm

Gather friends and family for a fun evening. Pick a theme (Hawaiian, Italian, campfire, etc) for your table then dress & decorate accordingly. \$200 reserves your table, then your group provides food and drink to fit the theme. Register by February 7th. Flyers are posted in the back of church with more details or call Paige Godbersen @ 402-604-0406. All proceeds go to St. Joseph Church.